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DES TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT FUND

PHOENIX – (May 12, 2005) The Department of Economic Security's (DES) Child Care Administration has scheduled public hearings on the Child Care & Development Fund (CCDF) State Plan. The public hearings are scheduled for the following dates:

IN PHOENIX

Monday, May 23rd - 5:30 to 7:30 PM State Capitol W. Wing Basement Grand Canyon Room 1700 W. Washington, Phoenix

IN TUCSON

Thursday, May 26th, - 5:30 to 7:30 PM Arizona State Office Complex First Floor – Room 158 400 W. Congress, Tucson

The purpose of the public hearings is to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the provision of services identified in the CCDF State Plan. The plan, which must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services by July 1, 2005 will become effective on October 1, 2005.

Contents of the draft state plan will be available at the public hearings and will also be available for review after May 13th, 2005 at the following DES District offices:

District I 1500 E. Thomas, 2nd Floor Phoenix, Arizona Tel. # (602) 255-3729

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Additionally, the draft state plan will be available for viewing on the Internet after May 13th, 2005 at http://www.azdes.gov/childcare/default.asp.

Written comments on the plan may also be submitted by Friday, June 3, 2005 to: CCDF State Plan Comments, DES Child Care Administration, 801A, P.O. Box 6123, Phoenix, Arizona 85005; or by FAX to (602) 542-4197. Comments may also be submitted via e-mail by Friday June 3, 2005 at: tzabicki@azdes.gov. For more information contact Tony Zabicki DES Child Care Administration, at (602) 542-1091.